

REMARKS

Claims 7-8 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-6 and 9-11 have been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. No new matter is added.

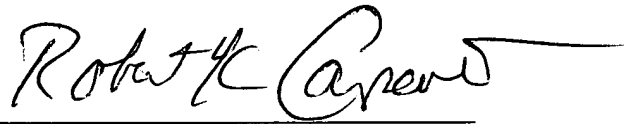
Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 7 and 8 are allowed. Because the remainder of the claims have been canceled, leaving only claims 7 and 8 pending, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 3-5 continue to be rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Majkrzak (U.S. Patent No. 6,294,038) in view of Voy et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,351,426). A new rejection of claim 6 has been made under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Majkrzak and Voy et al. and further in view of Nash (U.S. Patent No. 5,674,345) and Otruba (U.S. Patent No. 5,486,253). Claims 3-6 have been canceled rendering moot the rejection thereof. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 are respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney by telephone if it is believed that such contact will expedite the prosecution of the application.

In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment for any additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **making reference to attorney docket number 107390-00005.**

Respectfully submitted,

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